

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claim 29 is allowed.

The claims have been amended to place the application in condition for allowance. No new matter has been entered and therefore the amendments do not raise any new issues. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 10, 12-14 have been amended to depend on allowed Claim 29. Claim 1 has been cancelled.

Independent Claims 16 and 23 have been amended to include the subject matter of allowed Claim 29. Specifically, Claims 16 and 23 have been amended to recite that the first layer of high-strength polymeric fabric comprises a honeycomb cross-section having a plurality of voids defined by individual honeycomb sections, and that the cellular material infiltrates and fills the voids defined by each individual honeycomb.

Claims 26-28 have been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) have been overcome and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

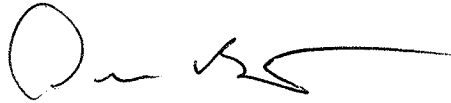
In view of the amendments and remarks made above, Applicant submits that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the claims be allowed to issue. If the Examiner wishes to discuss the application or the comments herein, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned by telephone.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

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therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

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